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The Party Invites You to the GULPP on September 30

You and your nonmember (but libertarian-leaning or -curious) friends are invited to schmooze and nosh at The Great Utah Libertarian Pool Party (GULPP) on Saturday, September 30 at the Canyon Crest Condominium pool behind 875 South Donner Way between 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Noted backyard chef and LPUtah party chair Jim Lorenz, who believes that Libertarianism must be fun, and we should all get to know each other better, will barbecue ribs and chicken. BYO beverage; towels and swimsuits will be useful if the pool is still open.

Call 534-8872 to RSVP, please, or leave a longer message if you'd like more details or better directions.

Just follow this map. Crestview is the first right after (or before if coming from the east) Hogle Zoo.



Free Admission to SL Gun Show Sept. 23 & 24

Want to get into the next major Salt Lake City gun show free? All you have to do is volunteer to staff the Libertarian table for a few hours (more time is better, of course).

The Crossroads of the West show at the Salt Palace runs from 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 23 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, the 24th. Regular admission is \$5 or so.

Working any kind of booth at any kind of event is always an interesting experience because you get to meet a wide range of people.

Not surprisingly, most gun show attendees are often predisposed to our ideals and score as libertarian on our new World's Smallest Political Opinion Poll. Those who score as libertarian receive a free, three-month subscription to *The Utah Liberator* and are also invited to attend the GULPP on the following weekend.

While the mainstream media continue to scratch their collectively fuzzy, largely liberal heads over their recent discovery of the public's long-term dissatisfaction with the donkeys and elephants in office and report the growing cry for a third party, we already are that third party. But people have to have a chance to learn about us. This is a tremendous opportunity help expand our numbers, have a good time, and get into the major fall gun show for free.

RSVP: To volunteer, call Ken Larson in SLC at 533-8658 absolutely no later than September 20.

Playing the Mormon Card

by Ken Larsen
Candidate for Mayor of SLC

Many of our neighbors are familiar with the teachings and beliefs of the Mormon Church. Joseph Smith and Mormonism are very supportive of Libertarianism. *The Book of Mormon* is literally a handbook of Libertarian philosophy. Here are two ways we can show our Mormon neighbors the beauties of Libertarianism:

The first is the idea that before the world was created a great Council was held in heaven. In that Council, Lucifer (the Devil) proposed a new plan for using force to assure that all humans would live righteously. He was opposed by Jehovah (Jesus) who proposed to allow each individual his or her free agency to choose between good and evil. Thus, politicians today who want to use government to force personal morals, are following the plan of Lucifer. Most thinking Mormons will be compelled by logic and their Mormon beliefs to support the Libertarian platform on these issues.

The second valuable assist we Libertarians have is the Mormon doctrine that the Constitution of the United States was inspired by God and that any law that exceeds the Constitution is evil. The Constitution is a libertarian document. Mormons believe the Constitution is inspired. They also believe a prediction by Joseph Smith that the day would come when the Mormons would step forth and help save the Constitution. If the Mormons are looking for the political party that best fits the doctrines and beliefs of

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Mormonism, we are that party. The Libertarian Party stands alone on the national scene as a political tool for rescuing the Constitution and its inspired principles.

My Mayoral Campaign

Both of these ideas are central to my campaign for Mayor of Salt Lake City. As Mayor, I will instruct the police to focus their energy and resources on protecting the personal safety and private property of Salt Lake City citizens. Our police force plus the power of city hall will become your personal tools for self defense. The criminal justice system and the limited funds for jail space will be used exclusively to restrict crime against peaceful citizens.

Property owners will be protected from violence, whether perpetrated by private hoodlums or government hoodlums. (Government hoodlums include: building inspectors, redevelopment agencies, tax assessors and a host of Federal alphabet gangsters.)

Business will thrive in Salt Lake City as we relieve business owners of unnecessary regulations and taxes. Returning to the principles in the state and national constitutions will guide us on our way to peaceful streets, individual free agency, and unlimited prosperity. If we truly believe the Constitution was inspired, isn't it about time we gave it a try at the local level?

Your Support Needed

I read in the media that the incumbent is preparing to spend over a quarter of a million dollars in this campaign. Imagine what wonders we could do with ten percent of that amount! Radio time is about \$25/minute. TV is even more outrageous. Send what you can afford. I am committed to using your contributions as effectively as possible in fighting for the Libertarian principles we share.

I request, therefore, your assistance in the open primary for Mayor of Salt Lake City on October 3, 1995 and the final election on November 7, 1995. Please make sure you register on time

Notes From The Chair



After a weekend at the Cedar City Shakespeare Festival, I am uplifted and re-enthused about the prospects for libertarianism in Utah. *The Tempest*, *You Can't Take It With You*, and *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, all deal with the force some people impose on others, and the constant desire of those imposed upon to be free. This is great art and very good theater as it is contrast and conflict that illustrates the author's points and voluntarily fills the seats.

Which brings us to the subject closest to my heart. Filling the seats. There are a lot of populated Counties in Utah that don't have representation in the Libertarian Party of Utah's Executive Committee. Since all politics are local, it is more fun, and thus best, if the County affiliates are numerous and strong. The drive to reinstate old members and discover new members would be more productive coming from the people of the vicinity. However; since we

and take all your friends with you to the polls. If you wish to offer contributions, suggestions, contributions, comments, contributions, or money please feel free to contact me at: Ken Larsen for Mayor; 856 East 100 South #2; Salt Lake City, Utah 84102; or call 533-8658. Thank you.

Vote Libertarian October 3rd

Ken Larsen

Salt Lake City Mayor

Derrick Ricks

SL Council District 2

Ron Leahy

SL Council District 6

Liberty Depends on You!

are so few, *per capita*, about 58 per million, there is a lot of room for growth. We know from nationwide polls, and our own hard-won experience, that over 80% of the American public agree with us on the most basic principles.

This is about as high an acceptance rating as Apple pie, Motherhood and Mickey Mouse! So what holds us back?

Among the committed, *i.e.* registered voters of the older parties, there seems to be a residual loyalty to their nominal party, regardless of the outcome of its policies or the obvious shortcomings of its candidates. The work to convert a true believer is probably more than it is worth, except the cost of finding a new Libertarian who will not pay dues, nor be politically active. I will personally buy lunch or dinner for anyone with the most effective solution to this dilemma.

Please note that we are beginning a new membership drive called *Each One, Reach One*, which has proven to be very effective in other LP affiliates.

Good News! Due to the first mailing of *The Utah Liberator* we had one new member sign up and two renewals.

Hoping to see you at the:

- **GULPP (Great Utah Libertarian Pool Party)**, 2-6PM, on Saturday, September 30th. Please call 534-8872 to RSVP ASAP.
- **Salt Palace Gun Show**, Sept. 23-24. Booth volunteers call coordinator Ken Larsen at 533-8658 by 9/20.
- **SL County Libertarian Social**, Sept. 28 (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Java Jive, 2132 South Highland Drive in SLC.
- **FIJACON** in SLC starting on Friday October 6. Call Bart Grant at 596-1058 to make your reservation. A fully-informed juror knows he/she has the right to decide on the application of the law and the facts in any case in which the government is a participant. Fully Informed Juries have been a part of the LP platform since 1981.

Jim Lorenz

It Is Who You Know That Counts

New "Each One/Reach One" Project Can Make Us Stronger . . . If You Help

A huge boost in membership—doubling our ranks or better—is the goal of the new Each One/Reach One project announced by LPUtah Chair Jim Lorenz and the state executive committee.

"Our primary goal is to increase our membership till they can't ignore us," said Lorenz, "and the Each One/Reach One project is an easy way for everyone to help."

To participate in the Each One/Reach One project, every LPUtah member and supporter is asked to send in the name of one friend or associate who may be interested in the Libertarian Party's basic message: Less Government, More Personal Freedom.

How It Works

All we need is for each member to submit the name and address of at least one person he/she knows—friend, neighbor, family, or co-worker—who might be interested in or sympathetic to our ideals.

It can be someone with whom you've discussed Libertarianism, or someone who's said something about government controlling every aspect of our lives, or someone who's expressed a need for a third party. Such people are ripe to learn about the only political party that agrees with them.

Just give us their name and address and perhaps a little more about them and we'll mail them an information kit as a favor from you.

The info kit will contain the current issue of *The Utah Liberator*, a brochure about Libertarianism, and a folder on the particular hot button(s) you've identified (e.g., gun control, national healthcare, etc.). Each package will include a personally addressed, hand-signed letter from LPUtah chair, Jim Lorenz which explains why they're receiving this information, and your name as the person who felt they might be interested.

People take such mailings more seriously when they learn that someone they know requested they receive it. Otherwise, they look on it as the same kind of political junk mail the donkeys and elephants regularly send out.

Free Subscription

In addition to the info kit, every person will receive a complimentary three-month subscription to *The Utah Liberator*. "That way, they can get a good idea of who we are and what we stand for," noted Lorenz. "There will be no hard sell or begging for funds. Just an invitation to stand up and be counted by joining us."

This campaign will strain the LPUtah's already small treasury. So

members who submit a name are also asked to contribute \$1 per name to help defray our costs. "All this will cost a lot more than a dollar, but contributions will make it easier for the party to pay the price of such a mass mailing. And surely every member can afford to spend a buck to help bring about liberty."

The More Names the Better

Obviously not everyone will choose to join. Less than half of the people who hear about us will become members, so the more names we get, the more successful we will be.

To participate, members and supporters should complete the form below, including the full name and complete address (including zip code) for each prospective member (who must be a Utah resident) to: Each One/Reach One, Libertarian Party of Utah, P.O. Box 526025, Salt Lake City, Utah 84152-6025. It's that simple!

This is a great way to help the LPUtah grow. It's easy, quick, and cheap! And if each one of us can reach just one person, we can keep our membership growth strong.

And if you act quickly, your nominee will also be invited to the GULPP on September 30. So send in your name(s) today.



Mail to:

Each One/Reach One
Libertarian Party of Utah
P.O. Box 526025
Salt Lake City, UT 84152-6025

YES! I want to help the Libertarian Party of Utah grow. Here's the name of one person I know who may be interested in joining. Please send him or her an LPUtah info kit in my name. *(Please type or print neatly.)*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

His/her Concerns: Gun Control Healthcare Third Party Drug Laws
 High Taxes Safe Neighborhood Waco/Ruby Ridge Government in
 general Other: _____

Your Name: _____

I'm enclosing \$1 to help pay for the cost of creating and mailing the info kit.
(Make check payable to: Libertarian Party of Utah)

Want to recommend more people? Copy this form or attach a second sheet with their name(s) and address(es). Thank you for your support.

Are School Vouchers the Answer?

by Jim Elwell

How do you let one child pray in school while freeing another child from forced exposure to other peoples' religious beliefs? How can you select books that provide the breadth of experience some parents want for their children, while not introducing themes and stories that offend the parents of other children?

If you force children with incompatible beliefs into the same classroom, you create an insoluble problem. It is simply not possible to accommodate, at the same time, those who want school prayer and those who do not, or those who want sex education and those who do not. The crux of the school-choice debate is forcing children with incompatible belief systems into the same classroom, and then spending huge sums of taxpayer dollars dealing with the inevitable conflicts.

The solution to is obvious to freedom-lovers: Separate schools and the state. Let parents send their children to the school they choose. LDS parents can send their children to LDS schools, Catholic parents can send their children to Catholic schools, and secular parents can send their children to secular schools as they wish.

There are two groups of private education advocates: Those in favor of school vouchers, and those against them. (Parents get a school voucher for each child, equal in value to some or all of the per child public school cost. The parents can then use the voucher to help pay for the school of their choice.)

Two things are not subject to debate: 1) School vouchers would drastically increase the number children who attend private schools, and 2) school vouchers are not a Libertarian ideal because they let the state redistribute money from one group to another, and would probably let the state regulate the schools accepting the vouchers.

The second item on which Libertarians generally agree leads directly to the main internecine argument on school

vouchers: Some Libertarians believe vouchers are desirable as an improvement over the present socialist school system. Others find them undesirable since they still grant the state too much power.

The Real Question

The real question is: Will school vouchers speed up or delay the day when we have no government involvement in education? How quickly can we reverse the socialist trend, particularly since we must fight some incredibly power-vested interests (a/k/a the NEA)?

I believe school vouchers will be a powerful step to true freedom of education. The reason is simple: Far sooner than we can reasonably hope to truly separate school and state, vouchers will let a large group of children escape the public classrooms that teach stateism. If we insist on nothing short of complete elimination of state involvement in schooling, those same children will never see the inside of a private school.

If you believe, as many do, public schools are doing a terrible job educating our children (even aside from the political indoctrination), what better way to show how poorly they work than having something to compare them to? School vouchers provide a great opportunity, in the relative short term, to make this comparison.

State-funded school vouchers are not an ideal Libertarian solution. Unfortunately, in the real world we do not have the option simply forcing our solutions on the rest of the country. School vouchers give an opportunity to take a step which reverses 100 years of encroachment by the state, and will hasten the day when parents can educate their children free from state restraints.

If you're interested in the many issues surrounding the school choice issue, a good book is *Separating School and State*, published by the Future of Freedom Foundation (703-934-6101). It's the best and most readable summary of the issues that I've found.

SL Cty Social on Sept. 28

Salt Lake County Libertarians and friends are invited to a social event starting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 28 at Java Jive, 2132 South Highland Drive in Salt Lake City. SL County chair Fred George has invited all municipal candidates to come and present their platforms.

Java Jive is an ideal place to hold a Libertarian meeting. It was one of the first to declare itself a "private club" under Smoker's Unanimous. So you must buy an annual membership for \$1 even if you don't smoke. The membership card will admit you to some 50 other liberty-seeking eating establishments in the state.

Otherwise admission is free. So come and have a good time talking issues with candidates and Libertarians.

Writers Wanted

Naturally, the first publication to which you should submit politically-oriented articles is *The Utah Liberator*. But if you seek a wider audience, you might want to consider these opportunities as well:

- *The Editorial* — This new national monthly publication seeks political editorial articles. A free subscription will be given to anyone published. For more information or to submit an article, contact: Scott Pickle at 209/452-9844 (Fax: 209/452-0245) or E-mail to CIS: 70762,3450; or AOL: CMC0193

- *Iridescence* — A "free thought" newsletter distributed free in Maryland seeks articles and essays from the Libertarian perspective. Mail to: Brian Gordon, P.O. Box 292, Davidson, MD 21035.

Remember: The Utah Liberator will publish your articles (up to 750 words), so try us first! We'll pay you just as much as these other pubs.

Talk Radio in Utah:

Listen to Lowell Ponte at Large

by Andrew L. Howard

Talk radio scares the heck out of state-ists. Instead of acting as a forum where all those who have been helped by the generous policies of succeeding spend-thrift congresses can express their profound gratitude, most callers deride the continuing lunacies and excesses of big government.

We asked Utah Libertarian Andrew Howard, who is equipped with two good ears and a clear mind, to prepare a series of articles on various talk programs available in Utah. This first article focuses on the only self-admitted Libertarian on local air-waves since KALL cancelled Gene Burns.

If you value a free exchange of ideas, are tired of Washington missing the point, love talk radio, but haven't yet listened to *Lowell Ponte at Large* (KCNR, 1320 AM, 10 p.m.-Midnight, Mon-Fri), you're missing something special.

What's so different about Lowell Ponte's show? Lowell is many things: a reporter, author, scientific researcher, comedian (semiprofessional), and syndicated talk show host. Most importantly of all, he's a Libertarian!

All topics are open. His show is caller/listener directed. Of course, politics and the events of the day are always prominent features on his program. Taxes, the war on drugs, gun control, and legalizing crimes of consent are regular topics of his show. Many times, he has given personal and revealing accounts of media bias.

As a reporter, he once wrote an article alleging the details of illicit drug use by Dan Rather that was quashed by media higher-ups. Regarding foreign policy debacles in Bosnia, China, and elsewhere, Lowell often quips, "This wouldn't be happening if Warren Christopher were still alive!"

Lowell is consistent in his ideology. For example, he has publicly supported Senator Orrin Hatch's stand on

keeping the FDA out of the supplemental vitamin market while he has opposed the Senator's support for increasing governmental powers under the auspices of antiterrorism legislation and the like.

Off the air, Lowell is a Libertarian activist with moving credentials. He has had many articles published in *Reader's Digest*. Recently, he appeared, along with Larry Pratt of Gun Owners of America, as a Second Amendment supporting panelist at a publicized gun control debate held in Long Beach, California.

Great Guests & Humor

Accentuating his dynamic demeanor, Lowell has interesting guests. Recently, he hosted Harry Browne, a prominent Libertarian presidential candidate. Others have included, Sheriff Richard Mack, Republican presidential candidate Alan Keys, and Congressman James Talent.

While he is polite, Lowell seeks the evasive answers, often putting the unasked questions to his guests. He also lets his callers, pro or con, ask the bulk of them.

After returning from a break, Lowell's producer splices humorous sound bites from features, such as, Monte Python, The Black Adder, and The Capitol Steps, with actual statements made by prominent political figures. These juxtapositions fuel the fires of jocularly, humorously highlighting political ironies.

Lowell's show is innovative and fun, and he's easy to communicate with! If you have America Online (AOL), you can log-on with Lowell and a gang (pardon the politically incorrect prose) of fans, computer jocks, Libertarians and other listeners while he's on the air!

He often takes questions and comments directly from the AOL chat

room, and he frequently joins the computer talk during the commercial breaks on his show. This is a great way for nervous callers to make their points heard!

Or, you can call him at 1-800-345-3113 to get on the air. You can even voice your opinions during off-air times by leaving a question or comment at the same number! Lowell, however, supports two forms of affirmative action:

1. If you disagree with him, you go to the head of the line, or
2. If you're calling from a cellular phone, you go to the head of the calling queue.

Lowell would like to see the Libertarian Party succeed the Democratic Party so that political arguments could be made between Republicans and Libertarians as to whether or not the federal government should be made "small or really, really small!"

His motto is that "it's better to cast a little light than a big shadow." Lowell Ponte at Large airs on KCNR (1320 AM) from 10:00 p.m. to Midnight (22:00-24:00 for the 24-hour-clock-oriented), Monday through Friday. You can also contact Lowell directly at his e-mail address: LPonte@aol.com. AOL also provides a list of stations that air his show.

Some might deem Lowell a "suit" member of the party. In fact, he bills himself as a "Goldwater Libertarian." Whatever you think of him personally, he consistently supports and airs fundamental Libertarian ideals. If you believe in liberty, he deserves your ears and comments of support. Join the electric democracy, give Lowell a call at 1-800-345-3113.

To comment on his show, call KCNR-1320's Comment Line, 801/483-5033, or write to: KCNR-1320, 434 Bearcat Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115.

From the E-Mail Bag

Whether you call it "cyberspace," "the infobahn," or "the information superslab," the Internet and other electronic mail services can be your direct voice to the LPUtah. For publication in The Utah Liberator, send your comments, suggestions, ideas, etc. to UtahLib@aol.com, or to 71137,1754 on Compuserve (CIS). We will publish whatever we have room for.

IRS Class Action Suit

Dear LPU:

I became involved with the Libertarian Party as a result of meeting Karl Bray at the state fair in 1973. He paid me 1 oz .999 fine silver to read his book *Taxation and Tyranny*. At the end of the book was a one-inch classified ad with the address of the Libertarian Party. At that time, it was in Westminster, Colorado.

Lately I have been involved with the Terra Libra Project and with Neo-Tech International. One of the recent events of importance is the creation of The IRS Class-action Home Page <http://irs.class-action> and the alt.irs.class-action newsgroup.

At the state convention of the Texas Libertarian Party in July, Harry Browne promised that if elected he would eliminate the IRS. I am a current member of the LPU, and I would like to suggest that we endorse Harry Browne as our official nominee. He has my support.

Ronald Amos

Dear Ronald:

Yes, yes, yes! I ordained Karl Bray as a minister of the Congregation of the Golden Rule in Denver, LPCON 10 in 1981. He is missed.

I have met Harry Browne through his books and feel he would be an almost ideal LPPres. candidate, only lacking \$2 billion, which seems to be a requirement for serious media attention.

My first goal requires that hundreds of new party faithful be recruited, and that many of them have the means to attend a distant convention, at least to the total number of delegates we will be permitted.

I will also solicit Mr. Browne to visit Utah at his earliest convenience to help us help him crawl out from under the flat rock of media inattention.

Happy to know about the IRS Class Action page. Public opinion is our best jury.

Jim Lorenz

Chair, LPUtah

Enid's Medicare Meeting

Dear LPU:

Enid had one of those town meeting things in SLC on Medicare.

I went in order to hand her some stuff against the gun ban and for repeal, but also tried to speak out about government involvement in the health care system.

Jim Lorenz was also there as well as another gentleman. I was hoping to speak them afterwards but I guess they couldn't stay.

The LP should have had more people there. I passed out a few *Project Healthy Choice* brochures. These [public meetings] are perfect opportunities for us to get literature out, to speak up, etc.!

I did have the opportunity to speak with one young man of the environmentalist and also pro-government regulation crowd. We had a nice conversation for about five or so minutes but he had to leave.

Live Free or Die

Chad Leigh

P.S. I am antisocial so I have not met most of you :-)

Dear Chad:

I am the "other gentleman," the one who brought the house down after Enid asked plaintively, "What are we going to do when a 95-year-old needs a heart transplant?" when I said, "Call Dr. Kervorkian!"

I had to leave before the meeting ended because of a prior commitment. But I know Jim Lorenz wanted to talk to you, as did I. We greatly appreciated your handing out the brochures. You are right. These meetings are terrific opportunities to get our views across to the active public.

If you're not feeling particularly antiso- cial on September 30, please join us for the pool party where can discuss liberty and strategies for achieving it. See the in- vitation on the front page for details.

Jim Dexter

Vice-Chair, LPUtah

Chad:

I wanted to meet you as well, but was having symptoms of socialist claustropho- bia and political disgust. This was my first opportunity to attend one of Enid's "Town Meetings." I was also there primarily as an observer.


Yes, Libertarians should have been there in force, with lots of on-point literature. Perhaps we can do better next time. As I see it, my first job is to build the LPUtah.

I would appreciate your frank views on how to better plan for and execute the next opportunity.

The gentleman with me was Jim Dex- ter, LPUtah vice-chair and editor/designer of The Utah Liberator. If you're on our mem- bership list, you should have received your first copy by now. If not, please call 534- 8872.

Jim Lorenz

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